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I cordially invite all intending buyers to attend this sale and see the class of work we do. I think if you will do this you can readily pick a monument out that suits you, at a price that will surprise you for first class work. Work sold at this sale will be delivered either before May 30, 1903, Decoration day, or fall 1903. This can be arranged to suit the customer. Yours,

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## CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION

The Democratic Convention for the 7th congressional district, held at Dodge City on the 9th, inst was in every respect the best held for a number of years.

The attendance was large, and harmony prevailed. It was not a cut and dried affair, neither was it lacking in interest, as the Republican press tries to make it appear. The work allotted to the convention was well done, an excellent candidate nominated, on a progressive platform. Hon. D. H. Rich was chairman, and Henry Block secretary. A conference committee was appointed consisting of Geo. Pitts of Sumner, and H. J. Hagney of Sedgewick, who conferred with the populist committee, S. I. Hale of Rush and James M. Lewis of Edwards. This committee wired Judge Babb, the populist nominee, asking him if he would accept the Democratic nomination, to which he replied, that, being the chairman of the People's Party State Central Committee, he must stay where he was. There was then nothing for the convention to do other than adjourn without making a nomination, or to make a nomination of their own, which they proceeded to do. There were three candidates whose names had been presented to the delegates. They were C. F. Clyne of Stafford county, Jas. W. Clarke of Barton, and M. F. Belisle. When the conference committee's report was received all three of these candidates offered to withdraw their names, and have the convention unanimously nominate Mr. S. I. Hale. This was promptly agreed to by the delegates, but Mr. Hale, who was present firmly but courteously declined the honor. The informal ballot was then taken, resulting, Clarke 31, Belisle 35, Clyne 39, scattering 19. After the first formal ballot, Mr. Clarke's name was withdrawn, and on the second ballot Mr. Clyne was nominated.

The nominee is a young and vigorous attorney of Stafford, a graduate of the University of Michigan, and one who is well equipped to make a strong campaign. He is a fluent speaker, and will certainly arouse the enthusiasm of the people.

It is to be regretted that misunderstandings have arisen between the Populist and Democratic Congressional committees, and we hope fusion and an agreement on one candidate will prevail.

The platform adopted re-affirms the Kansas City platform, declares for the initiative and referendum, public ownership of public utilities, placing of trust made goods on the free list, election of U. S. Senators by vote of the people, and in favor of organized labor.

Chas. Steinhoff and mother were up from Ellinwood Saturday.

Old papers for sale, cheap, 10 cents per 100. J. W. Buckland.

FOR RENT—6 room house, central part of town. C. H. Armstrong.

W. F. Klein & Co. have received a car load of fine young horses and mules.

C. H. Christner, the Veterinary Surgeon, was in Dodge City last week.

Fancy factory and home made candies, nuts and confections at Rathbun & McConnell's.

Editor O'Blenniss and brother were over from the north-east, Saturday, on business.

\$1.98 will buy one dozen Cabinet photos at Wallace's photo car, as fine as can be made.

Clyde Yeo, of the south side, is home from the State University at Lawrence, for the summer.

Andrew Siebert, of south-west of town, called Saturday to renew on the DEMOCRAT to July, 1904.

A delegation of Masons from Hoisington and Ellinwood attended the funeral of C. B. Morgan last Sunday.

The best musical instruments made pianos, organs and all stringed or reed instruments can be found at Hooper's.

The county attorney is wearing a smile about as long as he is himself, all on account of a 12 pound girl at his house, calling him dad.

Easter posies were all the rage the latter part of last week, and Otis Bolinger got the finest one out—a lovely baby girl, born on the 10th inst.

The friends of County Attorney Jas. W. Clarke regret that the Democratic congressional convention did not see fit to nominate him as their standard bearer in the present short scrap. But Jim has no kick coming—he has got something better, a sweet little girl baby, born to him on the 10th inst.

## EXAMINATIONS

By U. S. Government

According to the laws which govern our charter, examinations of this bank are made twice a year by U. S. Government Inspectors.

We take pleasure in announcing that Mr. E. E. Ames, United States Bank Examiner, made the regular semi-annual examination of this bank, April 10, 1903.

## CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK

Great Bend, Kansas

### Discing Alfalfa.

On account of the many inquiries in regard to discing alfalfa, a few words on this subject might not be out of place. At the Kansas Experiment Station it is the practice to disc alfalfa at least three times per year. The field is given the first discing about the first of April, experiments proving that discing will be beneficial if performed at any time before the plant is four inches high, the earlier the better. The other discing follow each cutting after the hay has been removed.

Many people who have not practiced discing might be prejudiced against it, fearing to injure the crop, but a fair trial will convince the most skeptical of its beneficial results. Three advantages are claimed for discing. It increases the stand; kills out weeds, and conserves the moisture in the soil. Of these perhaps the increase in stand is the more important. Anyone that has ever attempted to increase the stand by seeding in the bare spots, will appreciate a system by which the stand can be increased in some other way, for in reseeding the young plants cannot compete with their deep rooted older rivals. The increase in stand is accomplished in two ways, first on account of the forked system of root or crown branching, the disc is often likely to split a crown and thus establish two plants on the same space where one grew before.

Again the discs bruise the crown and alfalfa being one of those plants which from adventitious buds easily, upon each bruised spot, new buds are formed and hence new stems are produced, thus increasing the number of stems per bunch, which is a great advantage in favor of quality of hay.

The Agricultural College does not practice discing the first year, but keeps the weeds down with a mower, and cultivates with a harrow, but gives a light discing the second year, and gives the three year old plants a full dose. One who has practiced discing needs no argument to be thoroughly convinced of its benefits.

H. R. THATCHER.

### AMBITION.

Is there one heart whose every wish is gratified,  
Whose plans have all succeeded until satisfied  
They rest? If any, few, for hidden deep there lies  
Ambition, hopes, desires, from other searching eyes,  
Hopes buried, that thro' Life oft bring pangs of regret,  
As all the old ambitious thoughts and glow come yet.

For how, in youth, what glowing pictures do we paint!  
So beautiful and bright the Future, with a faint  
Far drifting shadow in the background, but to make  
The bright seem all the brighter, as first glance we take.  
But when we've viewed the picture longer there appears  
The shadow, mingling now, as do our hopes and fears.

And so, when in our dreams and fancies we have wrought  
Too glowing Futures, even earnest work and thought  
Accomplished not; instead of dreaming and regret,  
Should these not be determination stronger yet  
To make each day a happy one, not tinged with strife,  
That which was meant to be a full, contented life.

—Minnie Owen.

O. W. Devine will remove from Heizer to Topeka this week, and make that city his future home. Mr. and Mrs. Devine have many friends at Heizer; and in this city who will regret to see them leave. He has been station agent for the Santa Fe at that place for the past eleven years, but concludes that he has found a better field for his efforts. He holds an interest in the Farmers' Advocate, and will devote his time to that business. The DEMOCRAT joins with his many friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Devine health and prosperity.

ROCK FOR SALE—We have ten car loads of first class white rock for sale. See us for prices.

W. F. KLEIN & CO.

Order those extra Easter Papers sent this week, if you want any.

C. L. Yost, of the south side, was a caller, Saturday, to renew on this paper.

Work commenced this week on J. A. McDonald's new residence in the third ward.

C. F. Buhle, of near Verbeck, was in town Monday, and made this office a social call.

There promises to be "something doing" at the next meeting of the city council.

The best place for a hungry person to get something good to eat is at the City Bakery.

Miss Gertrude Meek has been laid up with the measles for the past week or more.

Dr. H. E. Linds made a business trip to Kansas City, returning Wednesday of this week.

The Obenhaus Bros., from southeast of Ellinwood, were up to Great Bend Monday, on business.

W. F. Klein & Co. have about 35 head of 1, 2, and 3 year old mules for sale. See them for prices.

Sam Cone and wife, of South Main are the happy parents of a new baby boy, born Friday the 10th.

Paul Schmitt, of north of town, called Monday to renew on his DEMOCRAT for another year.

H. A. Praeger was down from near Claflin, Saturday, calling on his old school teacher, Fred Lutschig.

The Great Bend Implement Co. building and Peter Maus' blacksmith shop, have new Easter suits—freshly painted.

L. C. Flanders, of Comanche, was in Saturday, and sent his friends some extra copies of the Easter DEMOCRAT.

Geo. W. Tucker, of the south side, has one eye in mourning, on account of an unruly mule becoming too flip with his heels.

G. M. O'Blenness of Claflin and J. J. McMullin of Great Bend were among the new subscribers added to our list Saturday.

It has come the time of year when those Saturday evening open air concerts by the Epperson Band would be highly appreciated.

As it rained Easter Sunday the wise ones tell us it will rain every Sunday now for seven Sundays. And there is no kick coming.

County Superintendent Aldrich has had a handsome, hard oak desk put into his office, one of the neatest office desks in the county.

We can handle all your Poultry, Eggs and Game, at the highest cash price.

MORGAN, MILLER & CO.

Capt. D. J. Newton and family left this week for their home in California. The good wishes of many old friends here go with them to their new home.

There should be more attention given to decorating the north end of the park with shrubs and flowers. It can be made a most beautiful ornament to the town.

Marriage licenses were issued last Saturday to Geo. W. Meade and Julia E. Johnston, of Ellinwood, and Chas. B. Wilson and Anna R. Eveleigh both of near Maherville.

Mrs. A. C. Schermerhorn was elected City Treasurer of Hutchinson on the liberal ticket. Will Kelly, running for councilman on the dry ticket, was defeated.

Chas. Thompson of Hutchinson, one of the State officers of the Epworth League, was in town Sunday and addressed the meeting of the League in the evening.

When this office prints your sale bills we give you a notice in the paper which will be read by thousands of people. Can also sell you blank notes, in any quantity, cheap.

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